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In re Application of:)
Yutaka HASEGAWA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1764
Serial No.: 09/472,150) Examiner: A. Melick
Filed: December 27, 1999)
For: HIGH-PRESSURE TREATMENT)
APPARATUS, FEEDING METHOD)
THERETO AND PROTECTION)
METHOD THEREOF)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated May 31, 2002, the period for response to which extends through August 31, 2002, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-14 and 22-24 and Group II, claims 15-21 and 25. Applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 15-21 and 25, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an apparatus.

With the election of Group II, the Examiner required further election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group IIa, claims 15-21 and Group IIb, claim 25. Applicants provisionally elect Group IIa, claims 15-21, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an apparatus.

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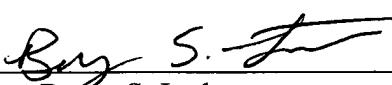
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